THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Grant in aid to voluntary Organisations

3447. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for giving grant in aid to voluntary organisations in regard to various projects in the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies;

(b) the details of grant in aid, organisation-wise (All India Character) National and State-wise for the last year i.e. 1985-86 and the amount disbursed project-wise;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount was fully utilised by the above organisations; and

(d) if not, what action Government have taken against those organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Department of Civil Supplies is operating a scheme, i.e. "Measures for Consumer Protection" under which financial assistance to a registered voluntary consumer organisation is given for specific schemes for consumer protection. The scheme provides for 100 per cent grant for non-recurring expenditure and 50 per cent assistance for recurring expenditure to be incurred by a consumer organisation. During the financial year 1985-86, the Department of Civil Supplies has given grants-in-aid of about Rs. 1.21 lakhs to consumer organisations functioning in Delhi, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Bihar for their various consumer protection programmes, such as holding of exhibitions, running of complaint counters, seminars, workshops, magazine, etc, Consumer organisations have to submit utilisation certificate for the grants-in-aid release. In cases where utilisation certificate has not been received, the matter is pursued.

Urban basic services in certain selected towns

3448. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start an urban basic services programme from this year to improve conditions in certain selected towns; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A Centrally sponsored, scheme known as 'Urban Basic Services Scheme' has been included in the Seventh Five-year Plan with UNICEF assistance to cover about 200 towns in the country.

(b) The Scheme aims at provision of basic services of reasonable quality and essential amenities like low cost water supply, low cost sanitation, environmental improvement of urban slums and at improving the rate and quality of survival of urban poor families, particularly the children and women. The Scheme envisages a total outlay of Rs. 27.60 crores to be spent during the remaining years of Seventh Plan.

Rent paid by FCI in Bihar

3449. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount being paid as rent for godowns by the Food Corporation of India in Bihar;

(b) the total amount being paid as rent for the building of the regional office of the Food Corporation of India at Patna;

(c) whether there had been any increase in the amount of rent paid for the godowns and the above building during the last ten years, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has recently advertised for new godowns at much higher rates than they are paying to their old godown owners; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The total amount of rent paid by the Food Corporation of India during 1985-86 for the godowns hired by it in Bihar was Rs. 114.13 lakhs.

(b) The rent being paid by the Corporation for the building hired for its regional office at Patna is at present Rs. 15,100/- per month.

(c) The average rent paid by the Corporation for the godowns hired from the private parties increased from 12 paise per square foot per month in 1975-76 to 36 paise per square foot per month in 1985-86.

The Corporation hired an area of 11,500 square feet for its regional office at Patna with effect from 1.12.1977 at a rent of Re. 1.00 per square foot per month. Subsequently, it hired another 1,800 square feet for its regional office at Patna with effect from 16.9.1979 at the same rent and yet another 1,440 square feet with effect from 1.7.1984 at a rent of Rs. 1.25 per square foot per month.

(d) and (e) In the scheme advertised by the Corporation for construction of additional storage capacity through private parties, the rent proposed is Rs. 1.00 per square foot per month for godwns in rural areas and Rs. 1.15 per square foot per month for godowns in urban areas at present, the Corporation is ordinarily paying rent up to 60 paise per square foot per month for godowns hired from private parties. A higher rent has been proposed under the aforementioned scheme keeping in view the higher cost of construction and better specifications for godowns.

Additional food grains to vulnerable sections

3450. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken up certain schemes to provide two million tonnes of additional food grains to the vulnerable sections of society such as the tribals, pregnant women and nursing children; and

(b) if so, the details of implementation of those schemes so far with particular reference to (i) the number of beneficiaries; (ii) the quantity of foodgrains distributed; (iii) the agencies of distribution State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Government introduced last year a scheme for supply of foodgrains at specially subsidised prices to the people living in the Integrated Tribal Development Project areas and the tribal majority States, and also increased the coverage under the nutrition programme for young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.